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1. SUMMARY: COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES CONTINUED CONSIDERATION
OF LOS CONFERENCE PROPOSAL TO CONVENE NEXT SESSION ON
29 MARCH, 1976. SECRETARIAT PROPOSED FEBRUARY STARTING
DATE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SERVICES BUT IS OPPOSED BY
AFRICIANS BECAUSE OF CONFLICT WITH OAU MINISTERIAL MEETING.
POSSIBLE COMPROMISE APPEARS LIKELY WITH 2 OF 3 WEEKS EARLIER
STARTING DATE (I.E., 8 OR 15 MARCH), TRANSFERRING OTHER
COMMITTEES, AND DELAY IN VONCENCING SPRING ECOSOC SESSION.
END SUMMARY.

2. SECRETARIAT DISTRIBUTED STUDY OF SCHEDULING CONFLICTS
FOR PROPOSED 29 MARCH - 21 MAY 1976 SESSION OF THE LAW
OF THE SEA CONFERENCE TO UN COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES ON 18
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JUNE (COPY POUCHED TO BAPS-SAULS AND D/LOS: ATTN. ESKIN).

LEVEL OF SERVICING REQUIREMENTS FOR EIGHT WEEK SESSION
ARE ESTIMATED AS SIX SIMULTANEOUS MEETINGS WITH FOUR HAVING FULL
INTERPRETATION AND TWO WITH REDUCED INTERPRETATION FOR SUCH
MEETINGS AS REGIONAL GROUPS, (I.E., TWELVE MEETINGS PER
DAY). REQUIREMENT FOR SUMMARY RECORDS IS ESTIMATED AS
FOUR PER DAY (DOWN FROM SIX AT LAST SESSION). COST
ESTIMATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. GENEVA, 19 JANUARY - 5 MARCH : ALL CONFERENCE STAFF
TO BE RECRUITED: \$2,035,000 (7 WEEKS).
B. NEW YORK, 2 FEBRUARY - 9 APRIL : WITH RESCHEDULING
THREE NON-LOS MEETINGS: \$1,700,000 (8 WEEKS BUT DUE TO
SPACE LIMITATIONS ONLY 10 MEETINGS PER DAY).
C. NEW YORK, 29 MARCH - 21 MAY : RESCHEDULE TWO MEETINGS,
(S AND TSC OF OUTER SPACE, AND COMMITTEE ON RACIAL DISCRIMINATION),
AND TRANSFER SPRING SESSION OF ECOSOC TO GENEVA: \$1,700,000
HOWEVER SECRETARIAT CAUTIONS ECOSOC TRANSFER WOULD MEAN
SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL EXPENSE AND GENEVA STAFF VERY
POSSIBLY COULD NOT HANDLE THEIR REQUIREMENTS.

3. REPORT CONCLUDES WITH OBSERVATION THAT TO ENSURE BEST
SERVICING WITH FEWEST DISRUPTIONS THE 19 JANUARY - 15
MARCH GENEVA SESSION OR 2 FEBRUARY - 9 APRIL, NEW YORK
SESSION ARE MOST ADVANTAGEOUS.

4. KENYA DELOFF (NJENGA) INTERVENED TO STATE THAT AF
GROUP HAS GREAT DIFFICULTIES WITH THOSE PROPOSED DATES
BECAUSE OF SCHEDULED MEETING OF OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
IN FEBRUARY AND POSSIBLE GROUP OF 77 MEETING AFTERWARDS.
NJENGA PROPOSED AS A "COMPROMISE" TO HAVE LOS CONFERENCE
CONVENE ON 15 MARCH IN NEW YORK AND DELAY CONVENING
ECOSOC FOR TWO WEEKS THEREBY REDUCING OVERLAP TO ONE
WEEK (ECOSOC CURRENTLY SCHEDULED 13 APRIL - 14 MAY).
U.S. (KELLER) EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR FEBRUARY CONVENING
DATE BUT ADDED APPRECIATION FOR KENYAN CONSTRUCTIVE
PROPOSAL. UK REP. (BATTISCOMBE) ASKED SECRETARIAT TO
STUDY POSSIBLE RESCHEDULING OF ECOSOC IN MARCH TO PRO-
CEED LOS. SECRETARIAT (RUTLEDGE) POINTED OUT DIFFICULTY
OF HOLDING SPRING ECOSOC AT SAME TIME AS FUNCTIONAL
COMMISSIONS SCHEDULED TO MEET.

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5. AT 19 JUNE SESSION SECRETARIAT OFFICER (RUTLEDGE)
REVIEWED RE-SCHEDULING REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER TO ACCOMMO-
DATE LOS CONFERENCE FROM 15 MARCH THRU 7 MAY.
MAJOR MOVE WOULD INVOLVE POSTPONING ECOSOC TO 27 APRIL
THRU 28 MAY. (ACCORDING TO RUTLEDGE THIS DELAY WOULD BE
OF SOME HELP FROM VIEWPOINT CONFERENCE SERVICES). LOS
CONFERENCE WOULD HAVE TO EXPECT REDUCED SERVICES
FROM 26 APRIL - 7 MAY BECAUSE OF OVERLAP. FURTHER

RESCHEDULING WOULD INVOLVE TRANSFER TO S AND TSC OF OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE FROM NEW YORK TO GENEVA, AND COMMITTEE ON ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION FROM NEW YORK TO GENEVA.

6. US (KELLER) REQUESTED SECRETARIAT TO STUDY POSSIBILITY OF CONVENING LOS CONFERENCE ON 8 MARCH TO CUT DOWN ON OVERLAP WITH ECOSOC AT END OF SESSION. COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE WILL MEET AGAIN 25 JUNE ON THIS ISSUE.
(COMMENT: THERE HAS BEEN NO SUGGESTION OF CONVENING THE LOS CONFERENCE ANY LATER THAN MARCH. END COMMENT).
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